

Sub-Strategy Detail
RETAIL FOOD SAFETY

Agency Code:	Agency Name:	Prepared By:	Statewide Goal Code:	Strategy Code:
501	Texas Department of Health		3	01-01-02

GOAL: 01
 OBJECTIVE: 01
 STRATEGY: 02 Food (Meat) & Drug Safety
 SUB-STRATEGY: 01 Retail Food Safety

	EXPENDED	EXPENDED	BUDGETED
CODE DESCRIPTION	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002

OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:

1001 Salaries and Wages	924,583	1,093,069	981,090
2000 Operating Costs	214,571	225,041	471,967
5000 Capital Expenditures	0	0	472
TOTAL, OBJECTS OF EXPENSE	1,139,154	1,318,110	1,453,529

METHOD OF FINANCING:

001 General Revenue	282,574	342,388	290,043
341 GR Account - Food and Drug Fee	856,580	955,664	1,163,486
524 GR Account - Department of Health Public Health Services	0	20,058	0
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	856,580	975,722	1,163,486
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	1,139,154	1,318,110	1,453,529

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS	26.8	31.2	27.3
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Sub-strategy Description and Justification:

This program is mandated by Chapter 437 of the Texas Health and Safety Code to conduct retail food inspections of restaurants and other food service operations, retail food stores, mobile food units, and roadside food vendors in all areas of the state which are not under local inspection. Inspections of these facilities are necessary to assure the delivery of safe food to consumers and minimize the opportunities for food borne disease. In addition, the program responds to over 3,500 food safety inquiries a year from consumers, local health departments, and other governmental agencies, and investigates an average of 700 consumer complaints per year. The program also develops standards and procedures for the accreditation of education and training programs for persons employed in the food service industry.

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External/Internal Factors Impacting Sub-strategy:

Funding for the retail food inspection program is necessary to assure inspection services of retail facilities in Texas. Failure to operate this program would result in over 12,000 retail food establishments not being inspected. Lack of inspection would result in retail food establishments not meeting minimum food safety and sanitation standards and would thus put consumers at higher risk of food borne illness. This is especially critical since the projected growth rate of the retail food industry is 5% per year. Failure to fund this program would also result in thousands of temporary events each year such as fairs, bazaars, and festivals not being inspected. These temporary events, all of which prepare and sell food, pose a particular public health problem because food handlers in these operations are largely untrained and many operate in substandard facilities.